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We have lived in Arlington for over 20 years, and we are against Article 43 allowing ADUs "by right". To begin with, Article 43 is unnecessary, as a process already exists for homeowners who wish to add on to their homes.

This backdoor attempt to eliminate single family zoning in Arlington is unethical - many of us scrimped and saved to buy specifically in a single-family district, and we have spent years paying for and improving our homes. Allowing apartments to be added to every single-family home is not what we spent our life savings for.

The constant push for more density is tiresome. We should be trying to protect what little green space is left and maintain our quality of life rather than encouraging people to build on every square inch possible.

Where are the studies showing the impact of ADUs on parking, school enrollment, or green space? How will compliance to setbacks or fire and building codes be enforced if they are allowed "by right"? What is the proposal for enforcement of these units? Why not instead work to build more affordable housing so that we can reach the 1.5% of buildable land threshold that would exempt us from 40B? (We are already too dense to ever hope to get to 10% of affordable units, yet that idea is promoted as if it were feasible.)

We urge you to vote no on Article 43.

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